

Together in Christ Collaborative Parish and Youth Ministry



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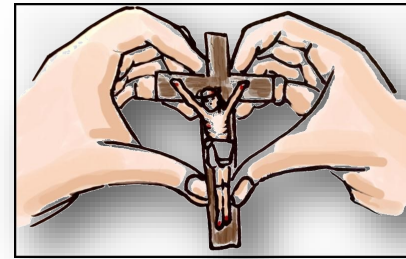
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This summer the Parish and Youth Ministry lost a dear friend and volunteer, Margaret N. Allen. Margaret was deeply rooted in a faith and love. During Vacation Bible School, our children and families spruced up the garden built by Jonathan Hamilton for his Eagle Scout project at St. John's. Please visit this beautiful garden that is filled with the peace that comes from Margaret's remarkable faith and gentle nature. You are invited to sit for a while, pray for a while, add to the Kindness Rock project, or plant additional plants.

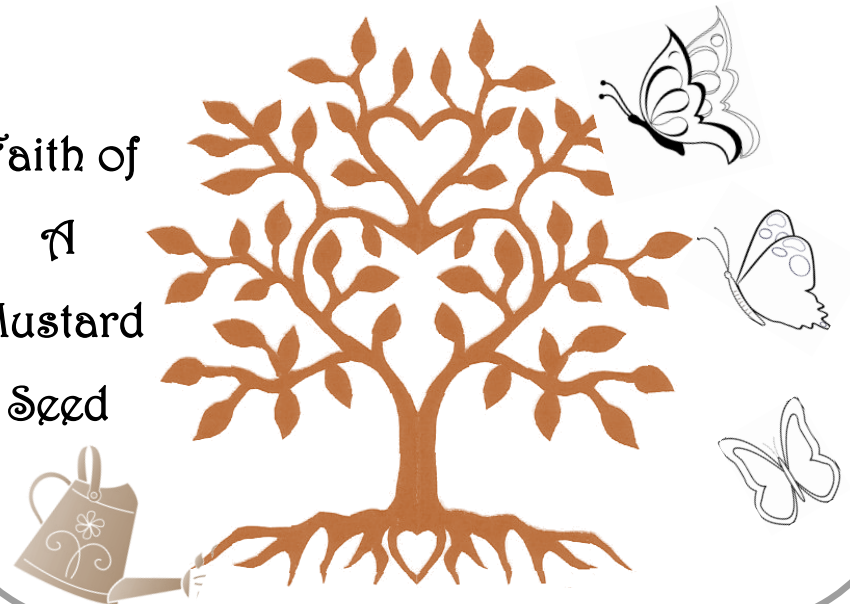
If you happen to see a butterfly,
that might just be Margaret saying hello!

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We are a whole-parish ministry that strives to meet you wherever you are on your personal faith journey. Our mission is to offer resources that support, build community, and demonstrate love, so that each of us can strengthen the roots of our faith, our families, our friendships, and our Parishes. With this foundation, we can come together to grow in the love of Christ.

Faith of
A
Mustard
Seed





Adult Faith Formation

Pancakes with the Pastor

9:00-10:00 am, St. John's Parish Hall
9/24, 10/22, 11/26, 12/10, 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/22, 5/20,



Join Fr. Paul for breakfast followed by a monthly half hour conversation ranging in a variety of topics. Children are welcome, and we will have activities for them to do while you enjoy chatting with Fr. Paul.

Pasta with the Pasta

5:00-6:00 pm, St. John's Parish Hall
10/14, 11/11, 12/9, 1/20, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12



Join Fr. Paul for an Italian dinner followed by a monthly half hour conversation ranging in a variety of topics. Children are welcome, and we will have activities for them to do while you enjoy chatting with Fr. Paul.

Book Club

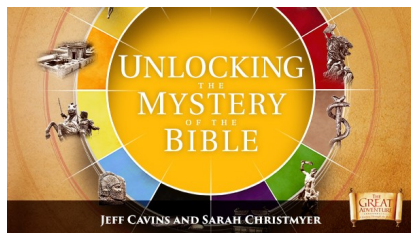
An opportunity to explore and grow your faith on your own schedule! Our goal is offer resources for all of our Parishioners, wherever they are on their faith journey. All are welcome to join the Book Club, especially those whose schedules do not allow time to attend an event or those who don't feel ready to attend a program. Watch for details in the bulletin, on our web-sites, or on facebook.



Prayer Group— Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible by Jeff Cavins

10:00-11:30 am We alternate between St. John and St. Ann
10/20, 11/17, 12/15, 1/19, 2/16, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18

All are welcome to join our Prayer Group. This study is perfect for those who have read the Bible from cover to cover or those who are too overwhelmed to even start. This study provides the easiest way to understand the Bible. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so that you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it's all about. The Bible is a story about the Father's unfailing love for you, a love that you are now called to share with others.



Just for Fun-Youth



West Bridgewater Lion's Club Scarecrow Contest

We had a great time last year creating a “Priest Scarecrow” and we can't wait to join in the fun this year. Do you have ideas for our Parish Scarecrow? Would you like to help? Contact us!



Kindness Rock Project

What is the Kindness Rocks Project?

Goal #1: Inspire others through randomly placing rocks along the way...

Goal #2: Recruit every person who stumbles upon it to join in the pursuit of inspiring others through Random Acts of Kindness



Our project is located behind the St. John's Prayer Garden. There are lots of rocks for you to take and decorate. We are launching our year long Kindness Rock Project on September 30th at the Ministry Fair.

Ski Weekend

Martin Luther King Weekend

Plans are underway to find an affordable option for those who enjoy skiing. If you are interested in helping find a mountain and lodging, please contact us!

The Team



Parish and Youth Ministry Adult Committee:

Meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

Parish and Youth Ministry Youth Committee:

Meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 6:00-7:00 pm at St. John



Faith Formation for the Youth

Jimmy Mitchell

February 18th-19th

Location To Be Determined

Back by popular demand is our overnight retreat for our High School and College students. We will spend about 24 hours together in prayer, at Mass, listening to talks, Adoration and most of all growing in faith together. Our Retreat last year was one of the most powerful experiences of the whole year. We had a lot of fun in the major snowstorm, enjoyed some great food and strengthened or made new friendships.

Holy Thursday-Good Friday Lock-In

8:00 pm-8:00 am- St. Ann Church/Hall

This is one of the events we are most excited about this year!! This will be a wonderful opportunity for middle school, high school, college students and adults to observe this important and sacred time in our Faith. We will pray, fast, and consider acts of service.

Specific plans will be worked on with our Youth Committee.



16th Annual Vacation Bible School

July 30th-August 3rd

9:00-12:00 pm

St. John's Parish Hall and Parish Grounds

\$43.00 per person/\$100 family max

Programs for ages 3 and up

Registration will open in late January



Many have asked for an extended program in the afternoon for parents who work full-time. We are willing to investigate this possibility this year. Please let us know if you are interested.

Volunteers are needed to make this a special week for all involved.

Prayer



Adoration

6:45-8:00 pm, St. Ann Church

First Friday of every month



Adoration is a beautiful form of prayer that draws us closer to the love of Christ. First Friday Adoration will give beginners and regular Adorers a chance to pray together at the foot of Jesus. Being still, being comfortable at Adoration takes time, patience, and friends to help along the way. Join Fr. Paul and our Parish Community for this wonderful form of prayer. Adoration in its simplest form is simply sitting in silence gazing on Jesus.

Ultreya

7:00 pm, St. John's Chapel

10/12, 11/9, 12/14, 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, 6/14



The word 'ultreya' is a Spanish word meaning 'onward', or 'let's go'. It is a cry of encouragement for Cursillistas to persevere on their Fourth Day journey. We come to an Ultreya to share our Christian walk with each other. Ultreya is the coming together of the Cursillo community to share their piety, study, and action with each other.

Pentacost Vigil

Time and Location To Be Determined

Saturday, May 19th

As we journey closer to our celebration of Pentecost, we want to invite you to prayerfully consider how the Lord is inviting you to keep watch and pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray for the Holy Spirit as we turn to the scriptures to pray and reflect on the first Pentecost.

We are very excited about this new prayer opportunity. If you would like to serve on the planning committee, we are looking for volunteers!





Sacraments

Family Mass

10:30 Mass

1st Sunday at St. John

10/1, 11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3

3rd Sunday at St. Ann

10/15, 11/19, 12/17, 1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 4/15, 5/13, 6/17



Once a month each Parish will offer a Family Mass. (see calendar above) The children will be invited to the altar for a special homily, with other ways to participate and learn about the Mass for the whole family.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:45-8:00, St. Ann

First Friday during Adoration

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament “washes us clean,” and renews us in Christ.



Prayer at Home

Mary

Weekly

Families or individuals sign-up to take Mary home for week and pray with her. Mary comes with prayer resources and Rosary Beads. There is also a gift for you to keep to continue praying!



Blessing of the Home for Epiphany

During Advent

A prayer, instructions and a blessed piece of chalk will be provided for anyone who would like to participate in this wonderful Polish tradition of Blessing your Home for the Feast of Epiphany.



Mission Trips Conferences



Deep Freeze

We are working on choosing the weekend!

Hebron, NH

\$230 covers registration, food, and transportation

(Transportation will be adult chaperones)



This weekend is open to 7th grade– 12th Grade and Chaperones are welcome! Deep Freeze features 4 large group sessions with engaging worship form up– and-coming bands and rich teaching from compelling speakers. We craft each gathering to engage a wide spectrum of students and make sure the truth of God’s story is center stage. This is a wonderful weekend of epic fun and wonderful opportunities to grow in faith!

Catholic Heart Work Camp

June 24th-June 30th

\$450, includes registration, meals, and lodging.

\$40.00 deposit will hold your spot.

Plattsburg, New York



We have decided to stay in the North East Region this year to help keep costs low. Our plan is to use chaperons’ cars or rent cars and drive. The drive will take between five and six hours, depending on stops. The trip is open to anyone currently in 7th grade to adults.

Steubenville East

July 13-15

University of Lowell

For the past 40 years, high school youth from across the United States have had their faith awakened and their hearts set on fire through a personal encounter with Jesus at a Steubenville Conference. This summer, over 54,000 teens and their leaders will be a part of this movement of grace at one of the 25 conferences. We are so excited to be part of that for the third summer!



Fundraising

The Parish and Youth Ministry is charged with self-funding all programs and events. In addition to being self-funded the Ministry is also charged with having a dedicated funding source ahead of any event or program. These mandates are accomplished by the second collection in October, registration fees for events, donations and specific fundraising events. In all three years of its existence, Parish and Youth Ministry has successfully been self-funded for all programs and events. We are grateful for the generous support of the Parishioners at both St. Ann and St. John for their support of this important whole Parish Ministry.

Elvis Night
6:00-9:00 pm– St. Ann Hall
November 3rd



Join Joe Presley and the Castletones Band for an evening of oldies music, dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$20.00 for a single ticket or \$35.00 per couple.

Skate Night
6:00-8:00– Bridgewater Ice Arena
\$5.00 per person, including skate rental
December 27th



Souper Night
Coming this Winter
Bring your best recipe for your favorite soup or chowder and join in the fun! Watch for more details!

Meat Raffle-Knights of Columbus
We have been invited to partner with the monthly Meat Raffle organized by the Knights of Columbus on the last Saturday of the month at St. Ann’s Hall. We are tentatively looking at co-sponsoring the Meat Raffle in March or April.

2nd Annual Gala Night at the Auction
Location To Be Determined
Tentative Date: Saturday, April 7th
6:00 pm



Ongoing Can and Bottle Drive at both St. Ann and St. John
Ongoing opportunity to bowl at Timber Lanes at a discounted price

Just for Fun



Church Dinner
5:30-6:30, St. Ann
First Friday



All are welcome to join us for dinner on the First Friday of each month. We will enjoy an Italian dinner or maybe a potluck night .

Family/Youth Night
7:00-9:00, St. John
10/14, 11/11, 12/9, 1/20, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12



FamilyNight
BRINGING GENERATIONS TOGETHER

Each month we will have fun with Game Nights, Movie Nights and whatever other fun ideas the Youth Committee comes up with. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the fun or drop the youth off and enjoy a date night! Watch the bulletin, web-site and facebook for a description each month.

Family Hike
9:00 am, Blue Hills
October 14 and June 2



We will have several different kinds leading hikes up Blue Hills to the top. We will all meet up at the end of the hike for a picnic lunch and outdoor Mass.

Country Shindig
5:00 pm , St. John Parish Backyard
\$5.00 donation requested
July 21st



Join us for this fun evening of great food, great friends and great fun! All are welcome.
Pony Rides, Jump House, Corn Hole and more!



Parish Missions

Advent Parish Mission

December 3rd-4th

December 3rd: Family Mass at St. John at 10:30

Christmas Pageant following Mass

We are thrilled to introduce Jaymie Stuart Wolfe who will be walking with us along our Advent Parish Mission. Watch for full details in the bulletin.

Jaymie Stuart Wolfe welcome message on her website: Loaves and Fishes:

"You feed them." Luke 9:13

I am a Catholic convert and lay evangelist sharing faith in Jesus Christ through both word and song. Drawing from the riches of Scripture and Tradition, my purpose is to echo God's call to holiness, and help others answer it in authentic discipleship. Through Loaves and Fishes Ministry, I hope to inspire others to seek and recognize God's Presence in their daily lives. I undertake all I do in the Name of Jesus Christ, for His glory, and in union with what the Holy Spirit has revealed through the teachings of the Catholic Church. I trust in the prayers of Mary—Loom of the Incarnation, Help of Christians, and Undoer of Knots—to guide each one of us to her Son.

Lenten Parish Mission

February 17th-20th

We have invited Jimmy Mitchell to join us for our Lenten Mission.

Jimmy Mitchell is a speaker, musician, and chief curator at Love Good. He frequently travels the world in partnership with [Life Teen](#), [Steubenville Conferences](#), [Fraternus](#), and other movements within the Church that share his simple yet profound mission of accompanying young people and artists in the transformation of culture. At the end of the day, nothing brings him more joy than helping others fall in love with God and realize their capacity for holiness.

Service Opportunities



My Brother's Keeper

We will be working with My Brother's Keeper throughout the year to partner with them in the Christmas Gift Program and other year round programs.

My Brother's Keeper is a vibrant, welcoming Christian ministry in Easton and Dartmouth, Massachusetts which delivers furniture and food to local families in need.

Our mission is "To bring the Love and Hope of Jesus Christ to those we serve." As a gift at each furniture delivery we offer a crucifix with the message, "We're just the delivery people... this is the man who sent you the furniture."

St. Vincent De Paul-East Bridgewater

St. Vincent DePaul of East Bridgewater would like to partner with our Parish and Youth Ministry to provide assistance during the bi-weekly Food Pantry at St. John's. Many neighbors need help carrying items to their cars. This is a service opportunity for anyone in 7th grade and older. All potential volunteers will need to be trained, sign a confidentiality agreement and if over 18 sign a Cori form. A volunteer schedule can be arranged. The goal is to have 2-3 volunteers for each bi-weekly food pantry.

There are also to major food share programs at Christmas and Easter and a few times throughout the year, help is needed. This is a beautiful organization working within our Parish and we are proud to help support the work they do under their own Mission and Charter.

Common Cathedral

10:00-11:00 am— St. John's Parish Hall

11:00-2:00 pm —Boston Common

January 28th

All are welcome to donate items for lunches like fruit, snacks, dessert, bread, lunch meat, tuna, peanut butter and jelly or fluff or chips. Lunches will need a team to prepare from 10-11:00 am at St. John's Hall. A small team will head into Boston to partner with Common Cathedral to serve their neighbors on Boston Common. After serving lunch, we all join together in a prayer service.

Service Projects for St. Ann and St. John

There are two areas of St. John's property that need clearing—one by the parking lot and one by the cemetery as well as a very small area in the back right corner of the property. There are also several painting projects like the kitchen, women's bathroom and one more entryway. St. Ann's Hall needs to be cleaned and a bulletin board needs to be built for the Parish Hall.